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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It may not be necessary to have an afternoon sitting today . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It all depends on the House itself. But Government should know that today is Friday and we will be rising up at 1 o'clock. So far as the night sitting is concerned, we will sit from 10 o'clock."

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS ESTATES LAND (REDUCTION OF RENT) AMENDMENT BILL, 1954—*cont.*

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, this is the second reading of the Bill. I move—

' *That Clause 2 of the Bill may be taken up.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

' That Clause 2 stands part of the Bill.' "

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASWAMY AYYANGAR :—" Sir, I move—

' (1) *In line* 8, after *the words* " *the State Government shall* ", insert *the words* " *in respect of the fasli year in question* ".

' (2) *In lines* 8 *and* 9, for *the words* " *at the end of* ", substitute *the words* " *not later than the first quarter of the fasli year next succeeding the one in question.*"

' (3) *In clause* 2, *line* 9, omit *the words* " *of the fasli year in question* ". '

" I have moved three amendments. Now the existing section 5, sub-section (1) deals with the method of making good the loss that might be sustained by religious institutions or charitable institutions or an educational institution . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" What the hon. Member is saying is not audible."

SRI P. S. KRISHNASWAMY AYYANGAR :—" My throat is bad, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member might press the button and after getting the connection, he may speak. If he speaks through the mike, it will be audible."

* SRI P. S. KRISHNASWAMY AYYANGAR :—" However, my throat is also bad and, therefore, I am not able to shout as I was doing before.

" Now, to make good any loss that might be sustained by an educational or charitable or religious institution on account of the provisions in the Rent Reduction Act, a certain method is specified in the existing sub-section. That method is to find out the difference between the net income of a particular fasli derived by the

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institution and the average net income already found out and the difference will be paid to the institution to make good the loss that it might sustain. Now with regard to the amounts to be taken into consideration, the Government proposes a change, namely, that the two amounts to be taken into consideration are the net income derived during the fasli year by the institution and the net income that it would have derived but for the provisions of the Act. With regard to this I have no quarrel.

"I have no quarrel about it. Then they fix a particular point of time within which the amount should be paid. I want an amendment to be made here as otherwise the very purpose of the Bill will be defeated by this provision. We should not frame a law with the certainty that we can do nothing but violating it. It is stated that the amount shall be paid to the institution at the end of the fasli year in question. At the end of the fasli year, we cannot ascertain the amounts that are mentioned in this clause. The income to be derived by the institution for the fasli year can be ascertained only some time after the expiry of the fasli year and the amounts it could have derived but for the provisions of the Act could be ascertained only after the figures are worked out long after the expiry of the fasli year in question. For the direction contained in this provision to be complied with, I say that the amount should be paid not later than three months after the close of the fasli year in question. If my amendment is not accepted and if the present provision is allowed to stand, it would only indicate that the provision is never to be complied with." 12-30 p.m.

The amendments were duly seconded.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, confining myself to the amendment alone, let me point out that the Government do not want to fetter themselves in this matter. The amount is to be paid within a particular time and the present provision is all right. It has to be paid at the end of the financial year."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Does Mr. Krishnaswamy Ayyangar withdraw his amendment? "

SRI P. S. KRISHNASWAMY AYYANGAR :—" What else can I do than to withdraw it? " (Laughter.)

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

Clause 2 was put and carried.

Clause 3 was put and carried.

Clause 1 and the Preamble were each separately put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, I move—

'*That the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill be passed into law.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill be passed into law.' "

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

VI.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

MOTION UNDER RULE 22 (3) OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

'*That under Rule 22 (3) of the Assembly Rules the order of business be changed and that the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be taken up now.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I hope there is no objection. The question is—

'That under Rule 22 (3) of the Assembly Rules the order of business be changed and that the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be taken up now.' "

The motion was put and carried.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

(2) THE SOCIETIES REGISTRATION (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I beg to introduce the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill [a] 1954, and move—

'*That the Bill be taken into consideration at once.*'

This is a very simple amendment proposed to the present law on the subject. Under the existing arrangement, the Inspector-General of Registration is also the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and he is in charge of the Societies Registration Act. Now, Sir, the registration of joint stock companies has become the responsibility of the Government of India and there is a separate officer for the job. The Societies Registration Act is administered by this State and, therefore, it is proposed that the Inspector-General of Registration may take over this work. The amending Bill seeks to give effect to this decision."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

'That the Societies Registration (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1954, be taken into consideration at once.' "

The motion was put and carried.

Clause 2.

MR. SPEAKER :—" There is an amendment to this clause given notice of by Mr. A. Ratnam. I think it is out of order."

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